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	3,868,956	03/04/75	Alfidi et al.			
	3,993,078	11/23/76	Bergentz et al.			
	4,130,904	12/26/78	Whalen			
	4,140,126	02/20/79	Choudhury			
	4,159,719	07/03/79	Haerr			
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WJH	Maass, et al.; <i>Radiological Follow-Up of Transluminally Inserted Vascular Endoprostheses: an Experimental Study Using Expanding Spirals</i> , <i>Radiology Journal</i> , pp. 659-663, 1984
WJH	Palmaz, et al.; <i>Expandable Intraluminal Graft: A Preliminary Study</i> , <i>Radiology Journal</i> , pp. 73-77, 1985
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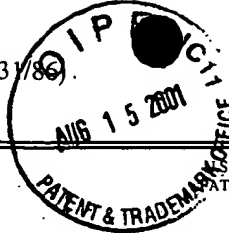
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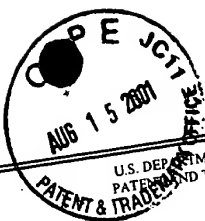
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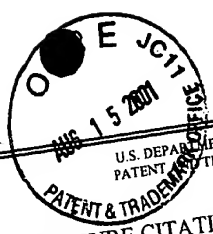
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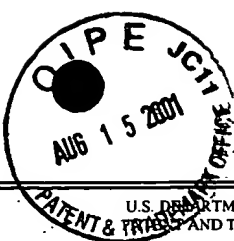
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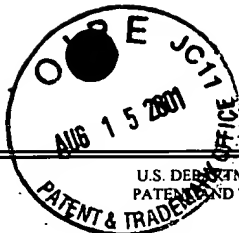
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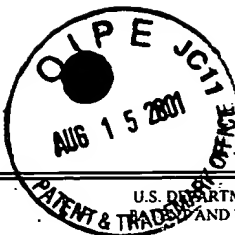
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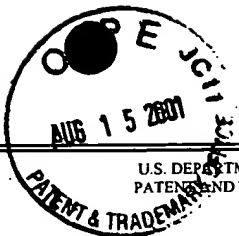
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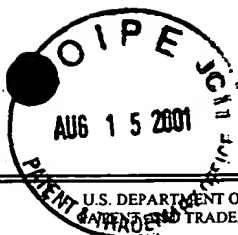
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